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CLEAN WATER ACT EXTENSION

MAY 16, 1983.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. CHAFEE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 1288]

The Committee on Environment and Public Works, reports an original bill (S. 1288), to extend the Clean Water Act for one year, and for other purposes and recommends that the bill do pass.

GENERAL STATEMENT

This legislation, in compliance with the reporting requirement of the Congressional Budget Act, provides an authorization of $463 million for fiscal year 1984 for continued activities under the Clean Water Act. Programs which are continued at current funding levels by this legislation are as follows:

Research (sec. 104(u)(1))	$22,770,000
Manpower training (sec. 104(u)(2))	3,000,000
Forecasting (sec. 104(u)(3))	1,500,000
State program grants (sec. 106(a)(2))	75,000,000
Training grants (sec. 112(c))	7,000,000
Clean lakes (sec. 314(c)(2))	30,000,000
All other sections	160,000,000

In addition to these continuing programs, the Committee bill includes an authorization of $150 million under section 208(j) of the Clean Water Act for a program addressing non-point sources of pollution. Such program may differ from section 208(j), and may or may not be contained in a separate section of the Act. The details of such program will be a part of substantive amendments to the Act which the Committee intends to report later this year.

The Committee also included $14.5 million for the implementation of the management plan for the Chesapeake Bay and the development of such a plan for the Narragansett Bay. Details of these plans will also be included in subsequent amendments to the Act.

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The Committee does not intend the Senate to act on this legislation until these and other substantive amendments to the Clean Water Act have been reported by the Committee later this year. It is the goal of the Committee to report such amendments by the end of June 1983.

The funds authorized by this legislation are consistent with the recommendations made by the Committee on Environment and Public Works in its March 1 report to the Budget Committee.

Hearings

Hearings on the reauthorization of the Clean Water Act were held on April 6, 7, and 14. Due to the absence of a permanent Administrator during this period, testimony was not received from the Environmental Protection Agency. Additionally, an expected Administration proposal for amendments to the Clean Water Act was not transmitted prior to the May 1st reporting requirement of the Budget Act.

Rollcall Votes

During the Committee's consideration of this bill there was one rollcall vote. The bill was ordered reported by a vote of 14 to 0.

Evaluation of Regulatory Impacts

Section 11(b) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate requires an evaluation of the regulatory impact of the reported bill.

This bill will impose no new regulatory burden.

Cost of Legislation

Section 403 of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Act requires each report to contain a statement of the cost of the reported bill prepared by the Congressional Budget Office. That statement follows:

U.S. Congress,
Congressional Budget Office,
Washington, D.C., May 16, 1983.

Hon. Robert T. Stafford,
Chairman, Committee on Environment and Public Works, U.S. Senate, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Chairman: Pursuant to Section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Congressional Budget Office has prepared the attached cost estimate for a bill to amend and extend the Clean Water Act, as amended, for one year, and for other puroposes.

Should the Committee so desire, we would be pleased to provide further details on this estimate.

Sincerely,

James Blum,
(For Alice M. Rivlin, Director).

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE—COST ESTIMATE

MAY 16, 1983.

1. Bill number: Not yet assigned.

2. Bill title: A bill to amend and extend the Clean Water Act, as amended, for one year, and for other purposes.

3. Bill status: As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, May 10, 1983.

4. Bill purpose: This bill authorizes the appropriation of $464 million for fiscal year 1984 for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to administer provisions of the Clean Water Act, as amended. The bill specifically distributes the authorization among programs, including $23 million for general water pollution research and investigation, $75 million for grants to states and interstate agencies to administer water pollution control programs, $30 million for 70 percent matching grants to states for clean lakes programs, and $160 million for general administration of the Clean Water Act.

5. Estimated cost to the Federal Government:

	Millions
Authorization level:	
Fiscal year:	
1984	$464
1985	-----
1986	-----
1987	-----
1988	-----
Estimated outlays:	
Fiscal year:	
1984	243
1985	123
1986	56
1987	35
1988	7

The costs of this bill fall within budget function 300.

Basis of Estimate: The authorization level is that stated in the bill. For purposes of this estimate, it was assumed that the full amount authorized will be appropriated prior to the start of fiscal year 1984. Outlays were estimated based on information from the EPA and on historical spending patterns for these programs.

6. Estimated cost to State and local governments: States would receive in grants an estimated $49 million in 1984, $43 million in 1985, $18 million in 1986, and $12 million in 1987. A 30 percent state matching requirement applies to $30 million for clean lake grants, which would necessitate state contributions of about $13 million, spent over a period of 4 years. The estimated costs of administering these grant programs is not significant.

7. Estimate comparison: None.

8. Previous CBO estimate: None.

9. Estimate prepared by: Anne E. Hoffman.

10. Estimate approved by:

C. G. NUCKOLS,
(For James L. Blum, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis).

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In the opinion of the Committee it is necessary to dispense with the requirements of Section 12 of Rule XXIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate in order to expedite the business of the Senate.

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